

Report Transform Latin American Tribal Indigenous Peoples Conference

by David Cardenas, President of COMIBAM International

Introduction:

Thanks be to God who brought us together and made us dream. Thank you, Luis Bush, for sharing the vision, encouraging us and facilitating the financial resources to help in the realization of this encounter.



They were two wonderful days, which are the fruit of a work that began in December last year with the steering committee and then an indigenous organizing committee working on the design of the program. To this is added the service of a team of volunteers from various churches in Bogotá.

Personally, I have been tremendously blessed and impressed by the high standard of reflection from the 12 tables of delegates.

In terms of participation indicators, I would like to inform you of the following:

✚ Total number of participants: 128, of whom:

- Indigenous leaders: 90
- Leaders from other cultural and national backgrounds: 38
- Volunteers: 9

✚ Countries represented by indigenous nations: 10 (Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia)



✚ Number of ethnic groups represented: 25



✚ Ethnic Peoples:
Achagua, Arhuaco, Aymara, Chiquitano, Coreguaje, Desano, Embera, Junikuin, Kackchiquel, Kogui, Kuna, Misak, Mixteco, Nasa, Punave, Quechua, Shipibo, Tayni Cabecar, Terena, Ticuna, Waorani,



Wayuu, Wiwa, Wounan, Zapoteco. Countries represented by participants from other cultural and national contexts: 13 (Canada, United States, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay)

Total countries represented by indigenous and non-indigenous people: 15.

Report on the Summit Transform Indigenous Peoples of Latin America Summit (Cumbre Transforma Pueblos Indígenas), by Alfredo Campo Silva of *Relieco* The Association of Ministers Network of Indigenous Evangelical Leaders of Colombia.

by Alfredo Campo

On behalf of the planning committee of the transform indigenous peoples of Latin America summit and each participant, we thank God for His move in each of our lives, we also express a very deep gratitude to our brother Kim Nam Soo, for supporting us with the finances for this historic multicultural encounter, to Dr. Luis Bush, for his concern for the indigenous church of the continent and motivating us with his wisdom to look beyond borders, to David Cardenas who was always willing to accompany this process with his orientations, to the logistics committee many thanks and to each person involved.



For the first time, the indigenous church of Latin America had the opportunity to meet on the same stage, with a harmonious spirit, to express the feeling of its heart and to build the dreams and plans that will allow a transformation in each culture of the indigenous peoples, from the good news, called Gospel. That is what we have determined!

The Indigenous Peoples Transformation Summit brought together 94 indigenous and 35 non-indigenous leaders from Latin America, we also witnessed many young people weaving this great



dream, being challenged to bring God's transformation to the youth of their ethnic groups. This space was also propitious to listen to the indigenous woman who with her voice was crying out for justice and equity, for these times of violence and crisis.

We understand that God has not changed, that through the Holy

Spirit he is moving in all the cultures of the world, being us his instruments to accelerate the events of the Kingdom of God, among these. We will continue walking and strengthening this proposal in our countries, in order to prepare all the details for our next meeting in Mexico in two years.



Transforma Pueblos Indígenas



Jocabed Solano Testimonial: My name is Jocabed Reina Solano Miselis and I am from the Gunadule nation, one of the 7 indigenous peoples that are located in Panama. I am Director of Indigenous Memory and also a missionary at United World Mission.

My Call: The gift of his call came wrapped up in this mysterious dynamic that demands dying to the dreams that the Kingdom itself provokes; because it touches us, it envelops us, but this mystery of the Kingdom of God also changes our dreams. Involving ourselves in his ways in such a way that we cannot see clearly, walking groping; but trusting that his grace is at work in us, to reveal to us his riches, and marvelous purposes, to amaze us and to keep in us the surprise effect of his call and to be protected from waiting for the replica of what we have already lived.

My Beginnings: This is how this chapter of my life began. God called me to walk in community with the indigenous peoples through the unexpected. Changing the expectation of my route and persuading me to enter into the memories



of my Gunadule people of the CUNA. The Cuna live in three politically autonomous comarcas or reservations in Panama, and in a few small villages in Colombia.

It is through the stories of my grandmothers and grandfathers that I am discovering a little more of their face and in this case the indigenous face of God. So I would love to encourage you to participate in this project so that together and together we can join the beautiful fabric that since ancient times the Spirit has been creating in Abya Yala (America) and the native peoples of the world.

My Work:

- ✚ Walk with and learn from indigenous peoples.
- ✚ To receive the good news of Jesus and its relationship with the identities of the indigenous peoples in Abya Yala (America).
- ✚ To facilitate dialogue processes with indigenous peoples, based on the narrations and memories of indigenous peoples in Abya Yala (America) and the biblical narratives.
- ✚ Encourage indigenous peoples to write and record the stories of their communities, as well as the stories of indigenous Christian women and men.
- ✚ Articulate indigenous theological approaches that emerge from and for indigenous communities.



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LATINOAMÉRICA

**“Y ESTA SERÁ
NUESTRA PAZ (SHALOM)”**
Miqueas 5:4-5a

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Summit

Bogota, Colombia

23rd-24th August 2018

1. General aspects

1.1 Inspiration for the summit: "And this will be our Peace (Shalom)"

The Transform Latin America Indigenous Peoples summit is inspired by the fulfillment of the prophecy of Micah in chapter 5:4-5^a: "And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace." (ESV).

The peace that will bring the liberator referred to by Micah refers to the Shalom, one who is God's gift to all The peoples of the Earth. Peace is a task and a common search for all human beings, including their ethnicity, sex, nationality or belief. Peace is fundamental because it is the foundation of human existence and manifests itself in the relationships between all creatures and creation.

The multiple pain scenarios include aggression against dignity, discrimination and injustice are evidence of the constant inability of the human being to be a guardian of the *shalom* of God. Therefore, Jesus was prophetically heralded as "The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6 RVR60). His birth left established that his presence and work would rebuild the *shalom* of God, when the celestial beings who accompanied his arrival they declared: "... And on earth peace, goodwill to men "(Luke 2:14 RVR60). The message of his gospel constituted of peace, one of its fundamental axes, "Peace I Leave you, my peace I give you; I do not give it to you as the world gives... " (John 14:27 RVR60). His redeeming work on the cross was intended to restore the peace created by God and predation by the human being. Jesus made it possible for you to have "peace with God, reconciling with him" (Romans 5:1 RVR60). Reconciliation with God is the essential starting point for the total restoration of the *shalom* of God. God has an interest in restoring his creation distorted because of sin and predation by an irresponsible humanity, through the merits of the Prince of Peace.

What's the challenge today? It is to make, build and promote peace as a daily task for those who are called followers of Jesus. Therefore, Jesus declares the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven as "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9 RVR60). Peace is the fruit of the permanent work of his disciples, because the fruit of the Holy Spirit is peace (Galatians 5:22). The mission of God is the mission of peace in the four dimensions: relationship with God, with oneself, with his neighbor and with the creation. Peace is an integral term.

What is and how is the Shalom of God understood from indigenous peoples? What are the larger challenges that impede the Shalom of God in and among Latin American ethnicities? What can the indigenous church do to make, build and promote peace in their peoples? How can the church in general help and accompany the Church of indigenous context to see the Shalom of God and vice versa? These four questions shape the framework for the Transforms Ethnicities summit.

The yearning is for the Shalom of God to be fully manifest to every indigenous people in Colombia and Latin America, and all to experience the presence, power, and peace of God that surpasses all understanding. That the Shalom of God expressed through the indigenous church contrasts with violence of all kinds, the mistreatment of women and children, abuse, discrimination, poverty, forced displacement, injustice, the violation of human rights, among others historical ills that have afflicted them.

Therefore, our goal is not to see more church buildings or more parishioners on any given Sunday, as the only sign of the Kingdom of God among the indigenous peoples of Latin America; rather, it is the peace of God promoting spiritual salvation, cultural transformation and integral well-being in each person, for the glory of God.

1.2 A look at the Transform World Movement¹

The transform World Movement takes a comprehensive approach to transformation must be “rooted in the theology of the mission of the Kingdom of God and seeks to express the Lordship of Jesus over every aspect of life, economic, religious, personal, and political. It does not give priority to any area of life as an area for mission . . . but this change will be effected whenever people address issues of life directly, rooted in a gospel perspective.”

Transformation is a concept rooted in the new Covenant (see John 4:14, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18, 5:17, and I John 3:9). The term itself derives from the Greek word “metamorphoo” which means to change from one degree of glory to another, with ever increasing glory. It is the spiritual equivalent of a caterpillar being metamorphosed into a butterfly.

As the head of the church, Christ initiates and His body— the church responds—as one body. The basic idea behind “transformation coordination” is that, not only can we do more together than we can separately, but we move to a new ministry realm that operates on entirely new laws of input and output.

Like the gushing forth of waters, the love of God through the people of God unleashes multiple mission initiatives in which divine resources are channeled through willing servants to meet human needs to the glory of God. A transformed world is a place where the power, the presence, and the peace of God are experienced by all. The power of God is unleashed. The peace of God rules. Shalom-Salaam embrace. The presence of God fills the earth. Transform World is a movement committed to the mission of transformation that will result in the healing of nations. In Latin America, driven by growing concern for an evangelical Christianity that grows numerically, but does not influence the culture, was born the movement of transforms the culture.

1.3 Dreaming of transforming Indigenous Peoples of Latin America

A group of servants and catalysts of transforming World and Latin America with The Love and The desire to see indigenous communities experiencing the Shalom of God and to serve indigenous leaders in taking their own initiative in facilitating these processes towards their peoples, proposes the realization of the summit transforms ethnicities. This summit will be viable to the extent that indigenous leadership is **the convenor and co-sponsor** of an event of this kind, as well as being part of the decision-making. The Summit has an international steering committee consisting of Dr. Luis Bush, Dr. Tony Vasquez and Dr. David Cárdenas, who are servants and catalysts of transform world and transform Latin America, and will be at complete disposal to provide advice and feedback. In turn, It is suggested that tThe summit be convened and co-organized by the network of evangelical Indigenous

¹ <https://www.transform-world.net/vision-mission/>

leaders of Colombia, which is a formally recognized national entity by the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Colombia and enjoys good recognition in the context of the church and her mission.

It is recommended that there be an organizing committee composed of representatives of RELIEC, the Proindigenous consortium, other Indigenous leaders of Latin America and a representative of the Rudder Committee International. This committee will have the responsibility of establishing the program, selecting the exhibitors, making the call and taking decisions on logistical aspects. may establish the working commissions that are needas, calling more volunteers to make the summit as To be planned.

1.4 Place and date

Considering that the indigenous leaders of Colombia and of Southamerica have an appointment for the national consultation of the Indigenous Church, convened by the network of evangelical Indigenous leaders of Colombia RELIEC, on the 20th to the 22nd of August, it is proposed that the summit is an event immediately following:

Date: 23 and 24 August 2019.

Place: Bogotá, Colombia.

1.5 Conveners and collaborators

Shalom is a fundamental feature of a community in mission that is born in God, which contributes to manifesting the image of God and shows that we are followers of the Prince of Peace. Therefore, we believe in unity, fellowship and love as visible aspects of the mission.

As a starting point the following ministries are committed to working together to serve in the Summit process:

- Transforms World
- COMIBAM International
- COMIBAM Colombia
- Global Alliance Wycliffe Area of the Americas
- Consortium Pro-Indigenous
- Convener by the indigenous church – RELIEC

1.6 Profile

- Colombian evangelical indigenous leaders who are summoned by RELIEC or request to participate.
- Evangelical indigenous leaders from Latin American countries that represent their ethnic, church, indigenous network, ministry or Indian organization. The summit seeks to count on the presence of the most representative leaders of the indigenous Christian networks and ministries in Latin America.
- Representatives of missionary agencies, denominations and non-indigenous churches of Colombia and Latin America, whose role will be that of observers at the summit.

2 Objectives and Expected Results

2.1 Objectives

GENERAL: Inspire the(l) indigenous leadership of Colombia and Latin America to procure the Shalom of God for their Communities through a summit that serves as a catalyst for the Towards A movement of transformation that is authentically indigenous.

SPECIFIC:

1. To reflect on a biblical theology of the Shalom to be Understand and interpret from the indigenous heart.
2. Identify the 7 challenges Common But Relevant That represses the Shalom of God and its impact In Latin American ethnicities, in the light of the 7 global challenges² and 7 challenges for Latin America.
3. Recognize the key elements of cultural transformation and learn from what God has done and is doing in the ethnicities of Colombia and Latin America as visible evidence of his Shalom.
4. Recognise transformation in the culture with the powerful gospel of Christ Both in America and in other places around the world.
5. Identify action steps to respond to each of the 7 challenges That are identified by the indigenous leadership.
6. Identify how the church in general can help and accompany the Church of indigenous context to see the Shalom of God and vice versa.

2.2 Expected results

1. The indigenous leadership returns to their countries committed to make, build and promote Shalom among their own people and other peoples.
2. The indigenous leadership organizes itself to continue working as a community to follow up and develop the steps of action determined by themselves at the summit.
3. The collaborating ministries identify practical ways to provide support and accompaniment to transformation initiatives for indigenous peoples.
4. Leadership builds a statement with claims and commitments to the Shalom of God and their transforming mission.
5. As Colombia serves as the host country, it maintains a permanent environment of dialogue, reflection, testimonies and initiatives, facilitated by RELIEC around the themes of the summit.
6. The idea of upcoming meetings either regional or national.
7. Indigenous leaders identify how to bless other communities of the continent and the world with the Shalom of God.

3. METODOLOGICAL aspects

A summit offers a very special opportunity to bring together the indigenous Christian leadership of the Latin American region, with concern and interest in to procure the Shalom of God for their communities. The summit will provide an atmosphere for intentionally seeking and listening to God, indigenous leadership work in community, grow in developing genuine relationships, learn from each other, share challenges and lessons learned on the ground, and Progress in a commitment to walk together.

The programme should be designed for two days to address the specific objectives of the summit, including: Biblical Reflection, prayer, testimonies, analysis of specific situations, statistical information, exposure of experiences and models, among others. Leaders will constantly reflect on tables and provide diverse perspectives that enrich all participants.

According to the specific objectives, several topics will be presented by a team of facilitators both indigenous and other contexts of the body of Christ in the world. These exhibitors will provide relevant information and guide reflections at worktables. A committee will evaluate all information and work on the conclusions and formulation of the statement of the consultation. This event will be documented, in order to elaborate some memoirs that serve the participants.

Program²³ Of August	
8:30-9:30	Welcome and dedication. Worship. Logistical information. Presentation of facilitators, Participants and observers. Greetings and Introduction to the Summit. Mural of Expectations (adhesives and billboard).
9:30-11:00	Subject:
11:00-11:20	Coffee/Rest
11:20-11:30	Testimony
11:30-12:30	Subject:
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Subject:
15:30-15:50	Café
15:50-16:00	Testimony
16:00-17:30	Subject:
17:30-17:50	Conclusions of the day
	Announcements and Consultation committee meets.
August 24	
8:30-9:00	Worship and prayer.
9:00-10:30	Subject:
10:30-10:50	Coffee/Rest
10:50-11:00	Testimony
11:00-12:30	Subject:
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Subject:
15:30-15:50	Café
15:50-16:00	Testimony
16:00-17:30	Subject:
17:30-17:50	Conclusions of the day
17:50-18:00	Statement
	Closing

